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Vienna, February 22. N. S.

MOnsignor Piazza, late Nuncio in Poland, is arrived here on his Way to Rome. The Cardinal of Saxe-Zeits has set out from hence, accompany'd by several Hungarian Prelates, who are to assist at the ensuing Diet which is to be held in that Place. Mr. Guarient is return'd to this Court from Sirmium, whither he was sent by his Imperial Majesty to be present at the Election of a Patriarch for the Rascian Nation. The Elected Prelate is expected within few Days, in order to receive the Emperor's Confirmation. Our last Advices from Alba Regalis inform us, That the Hungarians have been much more careful to preserve a strict Blockade, since the late Supply of Provisions which was carry'd into the Place, than they were before that Enterprise. 'Tis advis'd from Leopolstadt in Upper Hungary, That there are great Preparations made for an Assembly of the Leaders of the Malecontents to be held there; and that all sorts of Provisions are every Day transported thither in great Quantities.

Berlin, Febr. 25. N. S. It has been resolv'd in a Council of War, that the three Battalions lately come from Prussia shall relieve an equal number of his Majesty's Troops in Italy. At the same time it was order'd that all the Battalions should throw Dice, and be relieved or not according to the fortune of their Cast. It has by that Decision fallen upon the Battalions of Pchlabrendorf and Cornow to march out of Italy, and it is said there are not two so weak left behind. Most of the private Men will be put into other Bodies, which are to remain in that Service. The Cloathing and Baggage for all the Troops his Majesty has in Italy are to be convoy'd thither by these Regiments and the Recruits; but it being hardly practicable for Wheel-carriages to pass through the Country of the Grisons, this Court has made Application to that of Vienna for a Rout through Bavaria and Tirol: The Troops which return from Italy are under the same necessity of marching that way, having ten pieces of Cannon and two Mortars, which, according to the Treaty with his Royal Highness of Savoy, are deliver'd to the King's Officers, and are to be guarded hither at the Return of the Detachment now to be reliev'd. This Court has signify'd to the Diet of Ratisbon, that in case they will promote the calling a Diet of Lower Saxony, his Majesty and all other Princes of that Circle will send their Contingent to a Man, as punctually as the Circle of Westphalia do at present, which Circle is gratify'd in this Particular, of having a Diet sit within its own Territories. The King has inform'd his Electoral Highness of Hanover, that his Majesty's Share of the 300000 Crowns resolv'd on last Year for the Service on the Upper Rhine shall be immediately paid. Some Letters from France have been lately intercepted, which give grounds for Suspicion of a secret Correspondence with that Court; and many of the French Nation passing every Day thro' this Place, under pretence of belonging to the King of Sweden or King Stanislaus, it has been thought fit to examine more particularly into Persons and Circumstances than heretofore. One Monsieur Devaux, who has resided here for some Years, and upon his first Arrival pretended to have left France on account of a Duel, has been taken up on Suspicion; but his Papers, which were strictly examin'd, having nothing in 'em but of an indifferent nature, the Gentleman was dismiss'd with an Apology made to him by the Felt-Marshal, for the necessity, in Affairs of that kind, of sometimes incommoding the innocent to find out the guilty.

They write from Warsaw of the 14th Instant, That the King of Sweden was already arriv'd near Grodno, that the Muscovite Garrison had re ir'd from Tickozin, and that General Renne design'd also to leave the Palatinate of Bressia, with an Intention to march towards Minsk. 'Tis said that a Party of the Troops commanded by Monsieur Rubinsky have defeated another Party of the Palatine of Kiow, and taken two Colours. Letters from Wilda of the 14th Instant say, That the Czar arriv'd there three Days before that Date; and a Minister in this Court has receiv'd Advice, that the King of Sweden had march'd with such Expedition that the Czar very narrowly escap'd being taken Prisoner in Grodno, but that his Swedish Majesty's March was interrupted for some time by the breaking down of a small Bridge, which gave time to the Czar, with four thousand Men whom he had with him, to make his Retreat.

Bern. Febr. 25. N. S. This Canton has writ Circular Letters to all the others, about the Alterations which they think necessary to be made in the Project of Neutrality for Neufchatel, wherein they set forth the Reasons upon which they ground their Demand, and desire that all the Cantons would instruct the Deputies whom they shall send to the next Diet, to concur with them in those Points. This Canton has likewise writ to the French Ambassador upon the same Subject, who yesterday sent them an Answer, wherein he tells them That he had transmitted to Court their Project as it was deliver'd to him by the Deputies, before this Canton thought fit to demand that those Alterations might be made; that he would likewise inform his Master of these Changes, but that he believ'd neither he nor the Catholick Cantons would agree to them, especially to that Article wherein they insist that Neufchatel should be acknowledg'd to be Part of Switzerland. There are so many Difficulties arise in adjusting a further Treaty upon this Affair, that it is believ'd the Cantons will content themselves with a publick Declaration from the French King and the King of Prussia, wherein each shall promise to forbear all Acts of Hostility between Franche Compté and Neufchatel during the present War, of which Declarations the Cantons may be mutual Guarantées.

Hague, March 6. N. S. Letters from the Upper Rhine say, That the Mareschal Villars had made a Detachment of 2000 Men, consisting of Horse and Dragoons, to serve in Flanders; and that he was to be reinforc'd in Alsatia with an equal Body from the Franche Compté. They write from Brussels, That the States of Brabant had agreed to raise for his Catholick Majesty a further Subsidy of 250000 Florins, by a Tax upon Tobacco, Tea, Coffee, and other superfluous Expences. Advices from France say, that Monsieur de Chamillard has resign'd his Charge in the Treasury, and is succeeded in that Office by Monsieur des Marets. They add, that there are great Preparations making at Dunkirk for some extraordinary Enterprize: Upon which Intelligence some Troops are commanded to march out of Flanders to be in a readiness for any Service in Zealand, which is put into a Posture of Defence.

Portsmouth, Febr. 26. On the 24th Instant about Noon, Sir George Bing hoisted his Flag on board the Swallow at Spithead, and sail'd immediately; as did also my Lord Dursley, on board the Berwick, with the Weymouth, Gosport, Cruiser, Adventure and the Hunter Fire-Ship, to the Eastward. In the Evening Sir John Leake on board Her Majesty's Ship the Albemarle, and Sir John Norris on board the Ranelaugh, arriv'd at Spithead, with the Nassau, Northumberland, Hampshire, Greyhound, Colchester, Dartmouth, Essex, the Charles Galley, the Burlington and another Man of War, and above 300 Merchant Men and others bound for Lisbon; as also five

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